



means for generating a second elongate ribbon in a form suitable for graphic display is a second visually distinct manner;

means for attaching a second item or group of data to said second ribbon;

- 5 means for generating an intersection for a point at which said first and second ribbons overlap by weaving the two ribbons in a visually distinct form suitable for graphic display;

means for displaying said first and second ribbons together with said intersection as a graphic image on a display means;

- 10 wherein said intersection is used to provide a visual indication of a relationship between said first and second items or groups of data that can be more readily ascertained by viewing the displayed graphic image.

16. A system for visually representing data as defined in claim 15, wherein said means for generating a first ribbon is capable of generating a plurality of said first ribbons so as to form a first ribbon group, and said means for attaching a first item or group data is capable of attaching a plurality of first items or groups of data to said respective first ribbons and in said ribbon group.

17. A system for visually representing data as defined in claim 16, wherein said means for generating a second ribbon is capable of generating a plurality of said second ribbons so as to form a second ribbon group, and said means for attaching a second item or group of data is capable of attaching a plurality of second items or groups of data to said respective second ribbons in said second ribbon group.

18. A system for visually representing data as defined in claim 17, wherein said means for generating an intersection is capable of a plurality of intersections which together with the ribbons form a weave of said first and second ribbon groups.

19. A system of visually representing data as defined in claim 18, which includes a means for querying a knowledge base for data to be represented by one of the ribbons.
20. A system of visually representing data as defined in claim 19, which includes a means for querying a knowledge base for data to be represented by another ribbon that is to be added to the weave.
21. A system of visually representing data as defined in claim 20, which includes a means for a user to input information to be represented by one of the ribbons.
22. A system of visually representing data as defined in claim 21, which includes a means for a user to input information to be represented by another ribbon that is to be added to the weave.
23. A system of visually representing data as defined in claim 20, which includes a means for a user to enter the relationship between the said first and second items or groups of data.
24. A system of visually representing data, as defined in claim 21 which includes a means for querying a knowledge base for the relationship between the said first and second items or groups of data.